

and Venezuela, and then continued that work as a consultant with the Pan American Health Organization.

In Fairfax, Jorge led the creation of an insect identification and surveillance program, targeting mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects. He has helped raise public awareness about the public health risks of West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease and offered helpful tips for precaution, particularly among the County's diverse immigrant community and in our school classrooms. He also has helped train a new generation of "mosquito hunters" to carry on this important work.

The American Mosquito Control Association recognized Jorge in 2011 with its Volunteer of the Year Award, "for his outstanding contributions to the furtherance of mosquito control education and outreach programs in Fairfax County Virginia and to communities around the world." Last year, the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association recognized him with its 2012 R. E. Dorer award for his "exceptional contributions to mosquito control in the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control region."

Mr. Speaker, when I was a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we often joked that we should not allow such talented and dedicated community servants to retire. We certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Jorge, his wife, Kathy, his children, and grandchildren, all the best in this well-deserved retirement, and I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in expressing our appreciation to Jorge for his commitment to public health service and for keeping the bugs at bay for the rest of us..

#### IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States.

It was not until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, that Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that the war had ended and the slaves were freed. Since then, Juneteenth has been celebrated nationally, serving as an important opportunity for friends, families and neighbors to come together and rejoice in our shared heritage. It's an important reminder both of the great tragedy of slavery and of the courage and resilience of all those who fought for change.

I am proud to look back on this day at my own family's tradition of fighting for civil rights in this country. My great grandfather led one of the first units of African-American soldiers into battle, where they risked their lives and their own freedom to bring greater freedom to all Americans of every skin color. That tradition carried on through my family to my father who joined the civil rights struggle of the 1960s and went on to write much of the enforcement language behind the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Recently, I attended a ceremony commemorating the life of civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers on the 50th anniversary of his as-

sassination. His legacy is a reminder of the courage of individuals who fight for freedom and opportunity. While we have made great strides since that day in 1865, the struggle for equality is not over.

As I commemorate this historic day, I would like to urge my colleagues to honor the memory of all who have fought for freedom and equality and stand with all who continue the struggle today.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BETTY MORAIS

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a woman of substance: Betty Morais passed from this life in May 2013, in Toledo, Ohio.

Betty was born in Minneapolis on March 5, 1923, to Esther and Lewis Himmelman. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and her graduate degree from Ohio State University. She worked in New York City of the Army Adjutant General's Office, then made her way to Toledo where she worked for Lasalle & Koch. It was at the downtown department store that she met her husband, Harold. They married in 1950 and together raised three children, sons Peter and Anthony, and daughter Nina. Harold and Betty enjoyed 49 happy years until his passing. Betty met further heartache when her son Anthony passed away a decade later.

Betty spent twenty years as a committed volunteer for the Toledo section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Junior League and the League of Women Voters. She volunteered with groups assisting children in need and worked for the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Toledo. Betty's calling, however, was to lead Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio.

Betty Morais became the executive director of Planned Parenthood and ably guided the agency for eighteen years until retiring in 1993. Under her leadership, the agency grew from a storefront to its own clinic, expanded educational initiatives and medical services, and growing into the rural areas of the region. She was open, compassionate and a visionary. It was important to Betty to serve people who needed her help. Her efforts brought her recognition from the Junior League, receiving its Community Service Award; the YWCA, receiving its Milestones Award; and the legal aid associations' Community Advocacy Award.

Betty Morais gave fully of herself. She was a pioneer in many ways, and a focused advocate. She has left her mark on our community. We offer our condolences to her family, and hope they may draw strength from Betty Morais' memory and the gift of her life.

#### NOBODY HOME ON SUDAN

#### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, more than three months since the departure of Sudan Special

Envoy Princeton Lyman, this administration has yet to fill his position.

A June 11 UPI story covered a recently released Amnesty International report which underscored that, "Indiscriminate bombing has been the Sudanese government's signature tactic in Blue Nile state, to devastating effect."

Amnesty reported on the desperate humanitarian situation facing the people of the region—including acute food shortages and virtually non-existent access to medical care.

The report underscored the fact that an internationally indicted war criminal, Sudanese President Omar Bashir, continues to evade justice and concludes: "With no accountability for past crimes, there is little deterrence for those of the present."

I couldn't agree more which is why I attempted to restrict non-humanitarian foreign assistance to countries that diplomatically welcomed an architect of genocide in an effort to isolate a man who undoubtedly has blood on his hands. I offered an amendment to that effect to last year's appropriations bill—an amendment which the Obama Administration sought to defeat as the appropriations process moved forward.

These realities beg certain questions: What is this administration's policy on Sudan? Is it to isolate Bashir? Apparently not. Is it to pursue justice for the Sudanese people? Not if it risks ruffling diplomatic feathers. Is it to elevate the issue within our own foreign policy establishment? Not really—how else to explain a prolonged vacancy of the Special Envoy post?

#### RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF PORTER COUNTY HOSPICE PROGRAM

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Visiting Nurse Association, VNA, of Porter County Hospice Program as the organization celebrates its 30th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the VNA Hospice is hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The VNA Hospice Program was established in 1983 with the goal of providing comfort, care, and compassion to terminally ill patients and their families in and around the communities of Porter County. The program started with only 22 patients and has quickly grown over the years, caring for 742 patients in 2012. In 1994, in order to meet the growing need for inpatient hospice care, the VNA of Porter County opened the 10-bed Mary E. Bartz Hospice Center in Valparaiso, which was the first self-supporting hospice center in Indiana. Due to the tremendous support of the community through a \$2.85 million capital campaign, the Arthur B. and Ethel V. Horton 20-bed hospice center was built to replace the Bartz Hospice Center in 2002. Throughout the last 30 years, the VNA Hospice Program has been able to help more than 11,000 patients live their final days with peace and dignity.

The VNA of Porter County Hospice Program has been successful due to the unwavering